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PROGRAMME

Sat 24 Sept- 2.30pm to 4.30pm At HAMPEX (Greyfriars Centre, Ringwood).
Displays by: Geoff Osborne (Forwarding Agents)
Mike Vokins(Jamaica) and Derek Nathan (Guyana Village postmarks).

Sat 15 Oct AT STAMPEX. (to be confirmed, see September Bulletin)
Time to be arranged. Displays to be arranged.

1995
March At STAMPEX. (to be confirmed, see December Bulletin)
Date and time to be confirmed. Displays to be arranged

Sat 22 April Bonnington Hotel, London. AGM followed by annual Auction.

Fri/Sat Oct. Convention at the Regent Hotel in Royal Leamington Spa.

NOTE: Due to the balloting arrangements for room allocation at STAMPEX both the venue and date for the meetings in October 1994 and March 1995 are liable to alteration and Members MUST check their latest Bulletin for final information.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE HELD AT THE BONNINGTON HOTEL, LONDON, ON SATURDAY 23 APRIL 1994 at 2.15 pm.

The meeting was opened by Mr E Toeg, the President, who extended a warm welcome to the 24 members present. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs N Allen, D Charlesworth, J Marriott, R Martin and R Swarbrick.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 24 April 1993, as published in the June 1993 Bulletin, were taken as read and, with the approval of the meeting, were signed by the President.

1. Report by the Hon.Secretary. Mr Wilson started his report by quoting from Bulletin number 1 where his predecessor stated that when the Study Circle was formed another philatelist had said "We tried one at Congress some years ago and as those present collected 15 different islands it was a flop. This our 40th year doesn't sound like a flop.

   He then reported on the meeting held as part of the Circle's 40th Anniversary programme in the Bonnington Hotel on Saturday 26 February. The event, which was in the form of a mini exhibition, was attended by over 60 members and visitors and had been judged a great success. At STAMPEX at the beginning of March the Study Circle's invited display of over 80 frames from nearly every island in the BWI had been of a high standard and of interest to all who were able to view it. The Secretary wished to thank all those who had taken part in these events, not only those displaying but also those who undertook the numerous administrative chores.

   As an offshoot to these two events the Secretary was able to report an increase in membership in enquiries, 33 so far in 1994 compared to a total of 23 in the whole of 1993.

   In conclusion the Secretary stated that he wished to resign at the next AGM and hoped that there would be a volunteer to take on this post.

2. Report by the Hon.Editor. (Read in his absence by the Secretary.) Mr Charlesworth was able to report that material for the Bulletin had come in at a steady rate and he wished to thank all contributors, but asked members to continue to contribute as all material is most welcome. His main concern has been the increase in postage costs for delivery of the Bulletin to overseas addresses by Airmail. He wished to include in the Bulletin an item covering the membership: displays to be given, trophies won etc. Please let him, or the Secretary, know of these events.

3. Report by the Hon Treasurer Mr May reviewed the Study Circle's accounts for the last year, in general these were satisfactory. However there had been a slight reduction in subscription income due to the policy of a free year for term subscriptions introduced on a one-off offer in 1990, publication sales were down by 50%, the auction contribution was lower in 1993, library expenses were up and some publications have had to be written off due to flooding and storm damage. These factors coupled with the rise in postal charges had caused him to seek a rise in the subscription rates as from 1 January 1995.

   The accounts, together with the Auditor's report, were published in the March 1994 Bulletin.

4. Report by the Hon. Librarian. Mr Nathan reported that in the year ending December 1993 a new Library List had been distributed to all UK based members, i.e. all those who in practice can use the library. It had resulted in a surge of borrowings. The year's total of 30 borrowings of 264 items was an increase on the 1992 total, but smaller than 1991.

   The stock of books had increased during the year and a list of new items appears from time to time in the Bulletin. Mr Nathan continued by drawing members' attention to a recent acquisition, "Madame Joseph Forged Postmarks" published recently by the Royal. He explained that a cache of carefully carved replica datestamps had come to light and several hundred of these are illustrated in the book, some 25% being from the BWI area. Many are difficult to detect, but since they are carved from boxwood the date, not interchangeable, is often the clue.

   In discussion it was claimed that the library mailing packs were heavy and difficult to use. However, it was generally agreed that the protection of our books was paramount and that in the absence of anything better the packs would continue in use.

5. Report by the Hon. PRO. Mr Ford outlined the work that had been undertaken during the year towards the publication of the new Dominica Handbook, written by Mr Toeg. Joint publication ventures first with the British Philatelic Trust, and then with Christies-Robson Lowe had both been abandoned for various reasons. The Committee had earlier allocated the sum of £4,000 towards the costs of publication and he had been seeking an interest free loan of about £2,500 to cover the costs over and above this sum. This now seems to be forthcoming and he hoped that the book could now be published solely under the aegis of the Study Circle later in 1994.

   Advertising in the Bulletin is at a satisfactory level.

Mr Ford continued by saying that a number of articles had appeared in Gibbons Stamp Monthly as a part of the 40th Anniversary programme, others have yet to appear. These articles have attracted favourable comment from all quarters. Some of the authors have donated their fees to the Study Circle's funds and he wished to thank them for their generosity. He was looking into ways of entering the whole series of articles for competition in the literature class at a forthcoming STAMPEX.

At this stage Mr Goldblatt mentioned that these reports indicated the great amount of work in put by the various Officers on behalf of the Study Circle and he wished to express his thanks for this. This was agreed by all.

6. Report by the Chairman of the Committee. Mr Toeg reported on a busy 40th Anniversary year by the Study Circle and thanked those who had worked and contributed to make it a success. He regretted that the Wine and Cheese party scheduled for after the Auction had had to be cancelled for lack of support.

   Mr Toeg continued by mentioning that the Hon. Treasurer had sought the Committee's agreement to raise the annual subscription, and said that a formal resolution would be put to the meeting. He also said that any such increase would be the first for a number of years.

   In continuing his review of the work of the Committee he mentioned the publication of the Dominica Handbook, and also the Gilbert W Collett Memorial Trophy. Mr Collett had been the first President of the Study Circle and had left a sum of money in his will for the provision of this trophy which was awarded every two years for articles published in the Bulletin or other literary work published by the Study Circle.

   On the subject of car parking on a Saturday Mr Toeg said that at present Camden Council's restrictions on parking in Queen Square, which is virtually behind the Bonnington Hotel, terminate on a Saturday at 1.30 pm. However, he warned that Camden Council were notorious for changing their policy at short notice and members wishing to park there for future AGM's should not assume that conditions will remain unchanged.

   In discussion Mr Duggleby suggested that in future the latest situation on parking near the hotel should be included in the March Bulletin. He undertook to supply this information to the Editor.

7. Election of the Officers and Committee. The President said that there were no other candidates and that the Vice-Presidents, Hon Secretary,

Treasurer, Editor, Librarian and PRO with Messrs Chard, Goldblatt, Hamilton, Mitton and Sharp were all considered to be re-elected en bloc.

It was pointed out by Mr Nathan that one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr John Marriott, had served as such since his election in Eastbourne during Congress in May 1954. In his absence his long period of service was warmly applauded.

8. Election of the Hon.Auditor. Mr J A C Farmer was willing to continue to serve and was unanimously re-elected. He was thanked by the President for his hard work on behalf of the Study Circle.

9. Subscription rates. It was proposed by the Hon Treasurer that:

   "Annual subscription rates shall be increased to £7.50 for UK and EC members and to £10 (US$15.00) for overseas members as from 1 January 1995."

   The Treasurer reminded the meeting of his comments in his annual report and stressed that these increases were necessary to maintain a healthy state of the Study Circle's finances. He added that this was the first increase since 1987. Discussion centred on the way the increase was to be applied to those paying term-subscriptions and it was agreed that the present rates would apply for them until the new rates came into force.

   The motion was then adopted without dissent.

10. Programme of Events for 1994/5. The Secretary outlined the proposed programme for the coming 12 months, this is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin. The first meeting will be on 24 September at Ringwood, an out-of-London event to benefit those living in the South and South West. The Circle's use of a room at STAMPEX was dependent on the outcome of a ballot which did not give much notice and members wishing to attend MUST look for information in the latest Bulletin.

11. Biennial SWI Convention. The President reported that another biennial Convention would be held in Leamington Spa over a weekend in October 1995. Details would be in the Bulletin.

12. The Gilbert W Collett Memorial Trophy. The President announced that the Committee had considered the award of this Trophy for the years 1992-93, and had decided against making an award.

13. There being no other business the President thanked the members present for their support and declared the meeting closed.

WIPEX REPORT

The Study Circle arranged an exhibition at the Bonnington Hotel on Saturday, 26th February, just before STAMPEX. A number of dealers did brisk business together with the Circle's own members' sale table, heroically manned throughout the day. In the afternoon, "Pennymead" held a successful public auction, with over thirty room bidders.

As a new venture, the Study Circle offered a free Opinion Service. Although only five items were submitted, our Leewards experts were challenged by forged (and genuine?) sexagenary overprints. One member was pleased when his Trinidad lithograph was opined to be of an earlier impression than he had thought. A raffle was held, with prizes of a copy of Volume VI of the Robson Lowe Encyclopedia (Leeward Islands) kindly donated by Christie's auction house and a £10 voucher donated by Stanley Gibbons Ltd.

The Study Circle was pleased to be able to display fine examples of Peter Jaffé's St Vincent postmarks, specially sent from Australia for the exhibition, and some of John Marriott's famous collection of early Trinidad. Other displays included Barbuda (Chris May), Bermuda (Dennis Mitton and Ian Chard), British Guiana (Peter Ford and Derek Nathan), Leeward Islands (Tony Farmer), St Vincent (Stephen Sharp), Village Mail (Michael Hamilton) and Turks Islands (Michael Wilson). It is hoped to publish details of some of these displays in future issues of the bulletin.

A large number of Circle members and other enthusiasts attended and made the day a success.

Michael Wilson & Steve Sharp

BAHAMAS - 1884 Broken Frame Flaw

The broken frame flaw illustrated in the September 1993 issue of the bulletin would appear to be non-constant. Graham Hoey has written to inform me that he has a number of blocks from this position, four of the penny plus various other values, none of which show any trace of the flaw. Whilst there remains a remote possibility that it emanates from a very late printing it is far more likely to be a one off printing blemish. A good example of the general rule that you need at least two examples of the same flaw before it is worth getting excited about it!

Peter Fernbank

MYTHS ABOUT BWI RARITIES

In Bulletin No.159 of December 1993, page 81, Charles Freeland comments on the Bermuda Q.V. 1/- green, perf.14 x 12½, vertical strips imperf. between, (SG.11a), stating that he has recorded 15 different strips or part strips.

Over the years, I have recorded 18 strips or part strips from actual photographs or auction catalogue illustrations, plus the strip in the Royal Collection. In spite of the fact that the scales of these illustrations have varied, I have managed to plate many of them by a few minute plate flaws, (I have a complete sheet of 240 normal stamps), or, more importantly, by irregularities in the vertical perforations which match those on adjacent stamps. To a lesser extent, the centering of the Crown and CC watermarks helped, for these are perfectly centered on the stamps down the middle of the sheet, but become increasingly off-center inwards as one moves to the outside edges of the sheet. Thus on the first stamps of the left panes the left "C" is centered on the stamp and on the sixth stamps of the right panes the right "C" is centered on the stamp, probably due to shrinkage of the paper before printing. This, of course, could only be made use of on those strips I was actually able to examine.

A mint lower pair, (ex Tucker collection), still has the inter-pane horizontal gutter attached at the bottom, proving that 12 strips originally came from the upper two panes, (confirmed by several minute plate flaws). The remaining original 12 strips came from the lower two panes, (again confirmed by plate flaws), and perhaps both groups occurred on the same sheet.

Eleven strips or part strips have been definitely plated and the block of nine, ex Dale-Lichtenstein, and one strip of three tentatively plated. A strip of four, the strip of three in the Royal Collection and the "single plus ¼ of the stamp above" have not been located.

Morris Ludington

EXCHANGE Consequent on my decision to concentrate on the markings of the Dutch KNSM Shipping line, I am wishing to dispose of my small collection of Canadian National Steamship Cachets (13 covers + 1 piece). Is there any member interested in exchanging one for the other?

Chris May (address inside front cover)

BARBADOS - Postmarks

Looking through my collection of Barbados postmarks, I compared the earliest and latest dates with those published in the book by Clarke, Radford and Cave. Although this was published in 1982 the latest update that I can find in the bulletins was that by Charles Freeland when the book was still quite new. Although I am sure that after 12 years others have noted date extensions, I hope that the list below will give a new impetus to the subject.

Christchurch	M3 without numeral	LDK 25/10/05	
St. Philip	M2	EDK 21/06/71	

I can report two examples of M3 without numeral, one on SG.93 but the year date unfortunately not visible and the other on SG.105 dated 17/1/05.

St. George	M2	LDK 24/12/86	
	M3 without numeral	EDK 18/01/87	
St. John	M2	EDK 28/12/83	
	M3 without numeral	LDK 23/12/07	
	M4	EDK 26/04/09	LDK 14/05/37
St. Joseph	M2	EDK 17/11/83	LDK 07/12/86
	M3 with numeral	LDK 11/06/06	
St. Thomas	M2	EDK 28/03/84	
St. Andrew	M2	LDK 08/08/83 (See P.L below)	
	M3 with numeral	LDK 24/01/07	
	M3 without numeral	EDK 24/02/87	

I also have a copy of E4 with code A dated 05/01/86. As the book states this was issued in 1886, it must be in line for FDC status. FDC in this context means first day cancel; it is only on a stamp unfortunately.

Trevor Davis.

Editors Note: *Further to the above article by Trevor Davis the following has also been received from Peter Langley on the same subject & adds to the EDK & LDK information given above.*

Postmark enthusiasts are invited to comment and add to the data taken from the marks which are in my collection and which update the information given in the book by Clarke, Radford and Cave.

Type M2

St. George	M2 on SG.92	LDK 16/03/98! - I assume the year numerals are inverted 86.

St. James	M2	EDK 21/08/83	LDK 15/12/86
St. Andrew	M2 - Not listed by Clarke. If Davis claims LDK of 08/08/83 I have 20/04/86. Perhaps Davis should count his as EDK.		
St. Lucy	M2	LDK 26/07/86	

Type M3

Christchurch	M3 without numeral	LDK 08/07/06 Can anyone further close the gap between M3 and M4? According to Clarke etc. there is a gap of nine years. I have narrowed it to four years.	
St. Philip	I have examples of the code 3 sideways in the following date brackets:		
	On its back ω	EDK 10/05/97	LDK 01/11/97
	On its front ᴝ	EDK 02112/97	LDK 31/12/97
	Can anyone extend these dates?		
	I have one on SG.107 with apparently missing 3 dated 09/03/03. Has anyone a copy of this date with or without 3?		
St. George	M3 with numeral	LDK 10/03/08.	
St. Joseph	M3 without numeral	EDK 07/06/87.	
	M3 without numeral	LDK 18/11/07. The numbers are transposed so it reads 81 No instead of No 18.	
St Thomas	M3 without numeral	EDK 25/02/87	
St Andrew	M3 with numeral	EDK 09/04/87	LDK 05/07/07
St. Peter	M3 without numeral	LDK 13/10/08	
St. Lucy	M3 with numeral	LDK 03/12/06	

In his latest catalogue Michael Hamilton claims that St. Lucy M3 dated 1911 is masquerading because M4 was introduced in 1909. There is plenty of overlapping between M4 and M5 so surely it could happen between M3 and M4.

Type M4

St Philip	M4	EDK 19.04/09.
St George	M4	EDK ?/11/10.
St James	M4	EDK 31/08/09.
St. Andrew	M4	EDK 08/05/15.

Type M5

St. George	M5 with numeral	EDK 07/01/33 with centre inverted.
St. James	M5 without numeral	EDK 12/09/32.
St Lucy	M5 without numeral	EDK 27/08/32.

Type M6

St. Philip	M6	EDK 15/06/40.
St James	M6	EDK ?/10/42.
St Lucy	M6 `	EDK 06/1/40.

Peter Longley

WANTED

Amateur collector, member of BWISC, seeks copy of Bayley's 'Stamps of Barbados', preferably secondhand. Has anyone got one to sell? Please contact - P.G.L. Cole,

BERMUDA - Postal services of the American forces in Bermuda

The U.S. Marines were the first to operate a postal service in March 1941. A.P.O. 802 was opened in April of the same year at Fort Bell on St. David Island, and I have four types of cancellation as follows:

Duplex Type 1 Large thick type, possibly a TRD which has started to disintegrate.

Duplex Type 2 32mm diameter CDS of duplex with smaller, thinner type.

Duplex Type 3 30mm diameter CDS with APO 802 central at foot, and the four bars of the duplex replaced by a figure 1 between eight diamond shaped bars.

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AVION STAMPS

Machine Type 4 23mm diameter CDS with APO 802 central at foot, and seven wavy lines to right.

APO 802 was replaced by APO 856 (my earliest recorded date is a duplex dated APR/23/P.M/1942), so in a period of 12 months four different cancellations were in use, Type 3 has only recently been obtained and seems to be unusual if not scarce.

Don Butt

BRITISH GUIANA

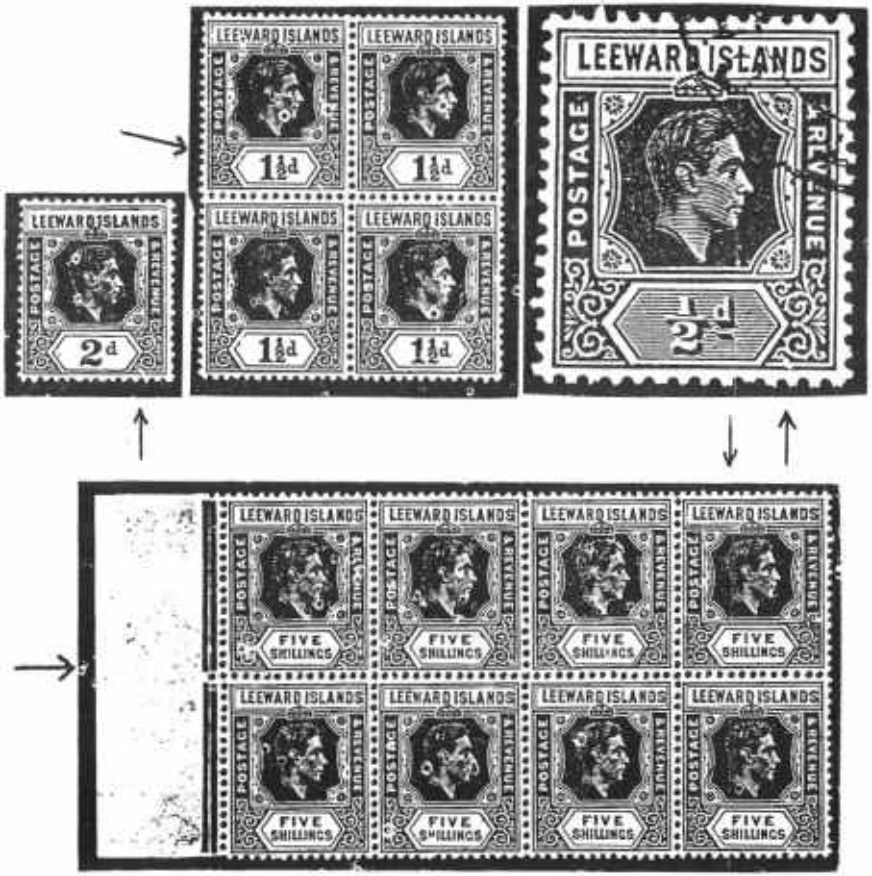
Waterlow & Sons' quality control was such that major errors on the recess printed issues rarely escaped into collectors' hands. The eagerness with which otherwise respectable collectors are driven to pursue such flaws as the 'kite and log' on the Jubilee issues of 1935 is perhaps a measure of their frustration.

Accidents did happen, as the illustrated pair of SG.289 shows. Paper adherence during the printing process has produced a white triangular flaw (15 x 8 mm) across the two stamps. The item came from an old collection formed in Trinidad, and the stamps are tropicalised; my guess is that it was purchased over the post office counter in British Guiana and has remained in one collectors' hands ever since. Can anyone report a similar flaw on monochrome Waterlow recess issues?

Michael Medlicott

LEEWARD ISLANDS - King George VI Small Format Key & Duty Type

As a relative newcomer to the study of this issue, I thought the search for plate flaws must have been exhausted after working my way through the available literature on the subject. In particular the key plate flaws were very few with only one (right pane:row 10/5) listed as from Plate 2.



It was therefore with some surprise that I noted what seemed to be a further Plate 2 key plate flaw on the 2d value printed in grey. From the illustrations the flaw can be seen as a white mark to the right of the value tablet commencing inside the inner frame line developing in a south easterly direction through both inner and outer frame lines. Further examination showed identical flaws on the ½d (green) and 1½d (chestnut) values also from key plate 2. The flaw was therefore constant but none of the three stamps was positional: the search continued and a further example was found on a left hand side marginal block of eight of the 5/-

value (4 x 2: see illustration). The top row had on the fourth stamp (top right hand) the broken ‘A’ in ‘Leeward’ and the first stamp on the same row had the frame flaw.

Reference to Dickon Pollard and his reference to a friend caused the latter to confirm the broken ‘A’ flaw as left pane row 6/4 and the frame flaw therefore as row 6/1.

Continuing enquiries have revealed the frame flaw on the 1d (red) but so far absent from the ¼d stamp. The September 1942 and March/April 1944 printings are reported free from the flaw on values where row 6/1 specimens are available, leading to the conclusion that the flaw developed during the printing of July/August 1943, either during the printing of the ¼d value on 1/2 July or the ½d value printing on 2/9 July.

As this was a complete reprint of all values, the flaw must exist on all values from ½d to 5/- with the possible exception of the 1/- value which was printed last on 17/18 August, i.e. after the 5/- value. This will depend on whether the plate was repaired before the last value was printed or at the end of the requisition.

Can anyone provide confirmation of the flaw on the remaining values? Those known to me to date are on ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d and 5/-. I shall be grateful for any available information.

Harold Green

LEEWARD ISLANDS - 1902 Surcharge

Further to Chris May’s query in Bulletin No.158 (Sept.1993), the wider space - about 5mm. as compared with the normal 4mm. - between “Penny” and the cancelling bar occurs on Rows 3 and 7 of this surcharge on the 4d. and 6d. originals, i.e. 20% have the wider spacing.

Thank you Chris for bringing this matter to our attention which I have not seen mentioned before. Row 3 (stamps 13 - 18) includes the dot in P variety which is constant on No.17 (3/5) once the ink has built up to create this flaw - I have one pane without the flaw (on 4d.) and two with the flaw (one 4d. and one 6d.). Whereas Row 7 (stamps 37 - 42) contains one of the tall “O” varieties on stamp No.40 (7/4) - so now it is possible to position a single of at least one of these four better known varieties!

Tony Farmer

ST. KITTS-NEVIS

I have the following flaws (illustrated below) on the typographed issue for St Kitts-Nevis printed by De La Rue from 1938 onwards.

In each case I only have a single copy, but the appearance is of damage to the plate (and in two cases, hand painting to correct the printing).

1.

The 3d. with the arrows is No. 1 in Row 12 of the 1950 printing on chalky paper. The 'S' shows signs of a break in the plate, with the two frame lines above the top right serif touched in by hand.

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3.

The 3d with a curved crack through the value is from the 1947 printing.

4.

The damaged fleur de lys is on a 5/- from the 1943 printing. The middle petal appears to have been painted in by hand.

The other one showing Columbus has two scratches through the frame lines, and comes from the 1950 printing.

Can members of the BWISC please help by reporting any other sightings.

Peter L Baldwin

TOO LATE

Those who know my relative lack of enthusiasm for covers may be surprised to see me singing the praises of a mildly careworn mourning cover from Tobago to London. How else, though, could one learn about the use of a mark which is much too long for representation on a single adhesive, and which was not intended to be struck on the stamp anyway?

No philatelic artifice was applied to this cover. A single red London backstamp, dated AP 4 87, implies that the letter left the West Indies the previous month. I picture the bereaved sender separating from his small store of stamps the strip of four 1d venetian red ("red"? The Venetians must have had an interesting sense of colour - but that's for another occasion) lining them up as close as may be to the mourning band, so as to leave room for the address, writing in name and address, walking the sad missive down to the Scarborough post office, and placing it on the counter for cancelling and despatch. Whereupon, the dialogue - "you've missed the bag", or some such; for people sometimes die at most inconvenient times - followed by, "Oh,dear, I do want this to reach her, what do I do?". "You'll have to pay fourpence more".

A major forfeit in those days, but a small price to have paid in our enlightened eyes for this delicious "TOO LATE FOR BAG" handstamp. For the totally cautious, (as if it mattered) the strip is just tied in two places, and the 4d grey gently suffused with oiliness that has seeped from the ink spread by the rubber of the instrument. This ink seems to correspond well with the tone of the killers on the 1d stamps, while a fresher much blacker strike cancels the 4d one. Does one infer that this latter was first paid for, affixed, and firmly struck, and then there follows a hunt for a decayed, dusty, seldom-used device, to proclaim the purpose of the charge, and sully the ink pad for its future use?

My only other comment is to draw attention to the boldness and thoroughness with which the 'A14' killer is used.

For those of us who look hopefully from time to time at weak and faltering strikes on the 1879 CC issues, wondering whether the usage could be right, here is a welcome refresher course. When you look at genuinely used stamps of the period, how can you be left in any doubt? Hence, memo to self: assume you are looking at a cleaned fiscal, unless the strength of the killer proves the contrary.

Simon Goldblatt

AROUND THE CARIBBEAN

BERMUDA New Issue - 9th March 1994 - Commemorative stamp issue
Royal Visit 1994 Three values 25c, 60c, 75c
Designs: 25c - Queen waving, 60c - Queen in Landau, 75c - Royal Yacht Britannia.

Photography Ann Smith Gordon, Layout Derek Miller, Printer - Enschede Security Printers, Process - Lithography, Stamp size - 30.56 x 38.00mm, Stamps per sheet - 50 (2 x 25), Paper - C.A. Spiral.

The following slogan Dies have been noted, has anyone recorded earliest and latest known dates of use for them yet.

BERMUDA / JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE 150TH ANNIVERSARY/ 1936-1986.
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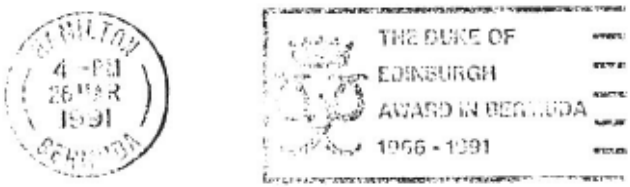

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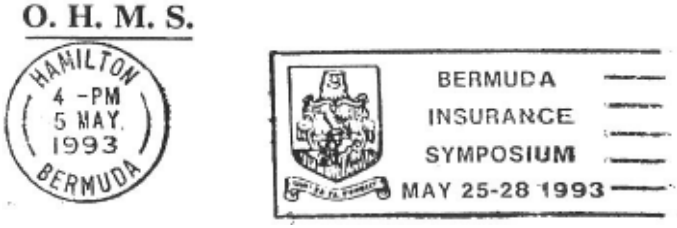

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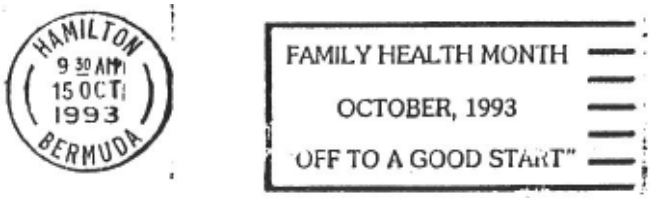

NEVIS The Philatelic Bureau have advised that the 1994 Stamp issuing programme will include the following sets:- Fishes, Cats, Disney, Bees, Architecture, Hummel and Christmas.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The following are additions to the library

2.7.7.	BRITISH GUIANA - POST OFFICE HANDBOOK FOR 1879 Reprinted 1994	A1
9.4.13.3.	DOMINICA - STEPHEN J. SUGARMAN COLLECTION Sale Catalogue Christies Robson Lowe 8th March 1994	A4
10.55.	MADAME JOSEPH FORGED POSTMARKS - Derek Worboys RPSL 1994	B3
11.16.	Report on a visit to the British Caribbean Territories from March to August 1957 to advise on the training of Post Office personnel and the organisation of Postal Services - J.B.Hood 1994	Top

Please make the following amendments to the existing catalogue:

Page 13 TRINIDAD

2.24.1.	Should read TRINIDAD PHILATELIC HISTORY TO 1862	
2.24.2.	Delete and replace with:	
2.24.3.	NOTES ON THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF TRINIDAD 1851-1862 T. Charlton Henry FRPSL (photocopy from London Philatelist Aug/Sept 1928)	Top
P.30	9.4.4. Correct spelling to BARBADOS	
P.31	JAMAICA entries should all be 9.4.15.	

Derek Nathan

BRITISH CIVIL CENSORSHIP DEVICES - WORLD WAR II- Trinidad and Tobago

The above book has just been published and covers the development and organisation of the censor station, the various censorship devices in use not only on private mail but also on Forces, P.O.W's, and Red Cross mail. It also contains a listing of censor numbers used at Trinidad, Bermuda and Jamaica.

It is available at a launch price of £13.00 post free in the U.K., £1.00 postage to Europe and £2.00 overseas. Cheques must be in £ sterling payable to the C.C.S.G.

The book can be obtained from:
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BCPSG CONVENTION OCTOBER 1994

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